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## Via Email:

Jake Ader

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**RE:** NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST

**FOIA FILE NO.: P457308** 

Dear Jake Ader:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

"Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

All documents and communications regarding the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's action titled "Operation Keep Safe" dating from January 1st, 2018 to July 1st, 2018. Documents and communications applicable to this request would include - but are not limited to - the following:

- emails containing the term "Operation Keep Safe"
- any agency bulletins regarding the enforcement action
- any agency briefings regarding the enforcement action
- any agency documentation regarding the law enforcement action

Here is an official web-post from ICE elaborating on the event I am seeking documents on:

"CHICAGO — Federal officers with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) arrested 156 criminal aliens and immigration violators in the Chicago metropolitan area during a six-day enforcement action, which ended Thursday.

During this operation, ERO deportation officers made arrests in the following 37 communities: Addison, Arlington Heights, Aurora, Bartlett, Berkley, Berwyn, Blue Island, Bolingbrook, Bridgeview, Burbank, Carol Stream, Chicago, Chicago Ridge, Cicero, Des Plaines, Elgin, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Geneva, Joliet, McHenry, Mt. Prospect, Naperville, Northfield, North Riverside, Orland Park,

Palatine, Park City, Rolling Meadows, Rosemont, St. Charles, Stickney, Stone Park, Warrenville, Waukegan, West Chicago and Wheaton."

Your request was reviewed by the undersigned in collaboration with the Department's Information Services Division. CPD is providing you with the responsive records to your request.

Please be advised that certain information has been redacted from the enclosed responsive records pursuant 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b), 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c), and 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(v). Details of the redactions are set forth below.

Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The FOIA, in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), defines "private information" as follows:

"Private information' means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person."

Therefore, personal telephone numbers are exempt and were properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b).

Third party names and identifying information of persons referenced incidentally were also redacted as these individuals have a strong interest in keeping their identity private which outweighs any public interest in this information; therefore, this information is exempt and protected from disclosure pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) of FOIA. Section 7(1)(c) exempts from inspection and copying the following:

"[P]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy... 'Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy' means the disclosure of information is that highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." *Id.* 

In addition, daily briefings and terrorism-related briefings have been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(v). Section 7(1)(v) exempts from inspection and copying the following:

"Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as

details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to tactical operations."

Please note, duplicate attachments are being produced to you once each. The same March 1, 2018 Horizon Report/News Clippings is attached to six different emails six times. The same March 2, 2018 Horizon Report/News Clippings is attached to two different emails two times. The same March 13, 2018 Horizon Report/News Clippings are attached to two different emails two times. The same May 21, 2018 Horizon Report/News Clippings are attached to four different emails four times.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the following address:

Chicago Police Department Attention: Freedom of Information Office of Legal Affairs, Unit 114 3510 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60653 foia@chicagopolice.org

You have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706. You may also seek judicial review under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

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